

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-43 and 51-53 will be active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Responding to the examiner's objection in item 1 of the Official Action, the expression "predetermined position" has been indicated in claims 1, 13, 29, 30, 34, 36, 37, 41 and 43. A similar change is made to page 5, line 22 of the specification. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be in proper order.

Claims 44-50 have attracted various rejections in items 3 and 4 of the Official Action. These claims have been withdrawn in order to reduce issues.

New claims 51-53 have been added. The first portion of each of these three claims find basis in the original description at page 8, lines 7-14 and 20-23. The second aspect of claims 51-53 relates back to allowed claims 30, 34 and 36, respectively. Applicants submit that claims 51-53 are in proper order, find adequate written description in the description of the invention and are patentable for the reasons given above. Favorable consideration of these claims is requested.

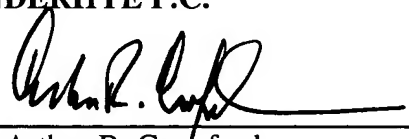
In item 5 of the Official Action, the examiner has kindly indicated that claims 1-43 would be allowed if amended to overcome the formalities issues. This has been accomplished and accordingly claims 1-43 should be allowed as well as newly added claims 51-53.

Reconsideration and allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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